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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices for next week's trading trending lower in the East, unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Retail demand light to moderate; food service moderate to fairly good with a surge of interest reported into restaurants, fast food and sports bars as Super Bowl nears. Supplies of all sizes mixed, but overall sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement fair to moderate, best to cover increased weekend needs. Breast items available with tenders at times short. Dark meat in good balance to tight, and wings moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies mostly moderate at mixed but mostly desirable weights.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

| AREAS | MAJORITY | RANGE | WTD AVG | LOADS |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Delivered to First Receivers | | | | |
| Chicago | 63.00-66.00 | 56.00-74.00 | 65.78 | 28 |
| New York | 67.00-70.00 | | | |
| Los Angeles | 80.00 | | | |
| Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent | | | | |
| Mississippi | 72.00-75.00 | 58.00-78.00 | 73.33 | 88 |

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

| LOADS | RANGE | FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. |
|-------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 997 | 69.25-75.75 | 73.62 |

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

| ITEM | WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND) | VOLUME (000 POUNDS) |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 168.00 | 1,259 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 166.00 | 5,740 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 86.50 | 1,327 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 94.00 | 1,025 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 32.00 | 7,029 |
| WINGS | 124.50 | 2,981 |

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST REGION Preliminary majority prices for next weeks' deliveries into the Chicago area unchanged from Monday's final. Market tone steady on whole broiler/fryers. Demand irregular, mostly moderate; fast food, sports bars/restaurants seeing fairly good demand. Floor stocks well cleared to adequate; weights desirable. Parts trade light with buyers waiting further market developments. Supplies of dark meat items in balance to tight, white meat cuts available. The trade sentiment fully steady to firm on dark meat cuts and steady on balance.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment mostly steady. Demand into retail and fast food light to moderate, best for ads, fast food specials, and where weekend needs increased. Supplies of all sizes usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement fair to fairly good. Breast items balanced to close, dark meat adequate to short, and interest for wings increased to cover needs for Sunday's Super Bowl. In production areas, live supplies moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend and noted as mostly moderate. Offerings generally adequate on the smaller sizes; barely adequate to tight on the heavier sizes. Retail and distributive movement mostly fair. The market tone generally steady to at least steady. In the parts complex, breast items and wings sufficient for current needs and clearing. Tenderloins, thighs and boneless thighs in close balance to well cleared. Leg and leg quarters in good balance.

WESTERN REGION Preliminary majority prices unchanged, throughout the region. Trading reported for next weeks' deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings adequate for trade needs. Retailer demand generally good; best for parts to cover features and deli needs. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. The market tone fully steady on parts. **Ads noted:** (per pound unless otherwise stated):

ARIZONA - whole body 68-99, boneless breast 188-499, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 599-699, boneless breast tenders 199-499, wings 4-5# bag IQF 799, leg quarters 10# bag 330, thigh 99-159, drumstick 99-159, marinated chicken kabobs 399, **(deli food service)** - fried 8 piece mixed 449-549, 50 piece mixed 2449, 100 piece mixed 4849, 200 piece mixed 9698, zesty wings 399); **COLORADO** - whole body 68, boneless breast 179-499, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 699, boneless breast tenders 499, boneless breast tenders 2.5# bag IQF 899, wings 5# bag IQF 799, party wings 4# bag 799, leg quarter 10# bag 330, drumstick 129, thigh 129, **(deli food service)** - fried 8 piece mixed 449-649, boneless breast tenders 399, wings 399); **IDAHO** - whole body 68, boneless breast 188, boneless breast 2.5# bag IQF 699 and 4# bag IQF 696, wings 5# bag 799, leg quarters 10# bag 330, **(deli food service)** - hot wings 399); **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** - boneless breast organic 779, boneless breast free range 489, boneless breast 299-399, split breast 179-259, whole leg 129-169, leg quarter 129 and 10# bag 350, thigh 99-129, drumstick 99-129, **(deli food service)** - fried 8 piece mixed 499-549, 50 piece mixed 3699, 100 piece mixed 7299, 25 piece zesty wings 1099, 50 piece zesty wings 1999, 100 piece zesty wings 3899); **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** - whole body 59-79, whole cut-up 129, seasoned roaster 99, cornish hen 6 count 1198, boneless breast 178-499, boneless breast fillets 177, boneless breast marinated 247, boneless thigh meat 177, boneless leg meat 99-138, whole breast 129, split breast 98-199, whole legs 99, leg quarter 49-87, leg quarter marinated 49, leg quarter 10# bag 390-490 and 40# case 1399, wings 4# bag IQF 799 and 5# bag IQF 599-699, thigh 87-169, drumstick 87-169, duck 199, **(deli food service)** - fried 8 piece mixed 699, 12 piece 699, 8 piece drumstick/thigh combo 398-399, 50 piece drumstick/thigh combo 1988, 100 piece drumstick/thigh combo 3888, 200 piece drumstick/thigh combo 7698, hot wings 12 count 348, hot wings 399-499 per pound, breast strips 549, zesty wings 349, rotisserie 498-699 each).

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased entering the first weekend of the month. Offerings mostly adequate on the smaller sizes; barely adequate to short on the heavier sizes. Live supplies moderate; weights desirable to light. Processing schedules mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices unchanged at 69 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment at least steady. In the parts complex, tenders short of inquiry. Thighs cleared well and leg quarters in closer balance. Other items generally noted as in good or manageable balance.***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| RANGE | 61-88 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE | 73.76 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 5,492 |
| CUMULATIVE | 01/31/05-02/04/05 72.10 |
| | 02/02/04-02/06/04 80.35 |
| NO. OF BOXES | 01/31/05-02/04/05 33,047 |
| | 02/02/04-02/06/04 40,006 |

FEB 03

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

FEB 04

| SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---|---------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| ITEM | POUNDS | | | WTD | POUNDS | | | WTD AVG | WEEKLY | |
| | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | AVG | (000) | RANGE | MAJORITY | | (000) | WTD AVG |
| BREAST - B/S | 520 | 151.00-235.00 | 154-158 | 156.92 | 640 | 155.00-168.00 | 156-160 | 158.45 | 3,005 | 159.14 |
| TENDERLOINS | 238 | 130.00-185.00 | 132-136 | 134.58 | 228 | 132.00-170.00 | 135-139 | 137.28 | 1,006 | 134.19 |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 108 | 85.00-105.00 | 89-91 | 91.78 | 98 | 85.00-97.00 | 89-90 | 88.93 | 477 | 90.14 |
| FRONT HALVES | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 185 | 73.19 |
| LEGS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 240 | 39.90 |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 511 | 25.00-30.00 | 27-28 | 27.57 | 527 | 27.00-31.00 | 28-29 | 28.57 | 2,711 | 27.67 |
| LEG QUARTERS (4/10) | 868 | 28.00-32.00 | 29-30 | 29.47 | 1,156 | 28.00-34.00 | 30-31 | 30.38 | 4,228 | 29.99 |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 281 | 118.00-130.00 | 119-121 | 121.39 | 315 | 115.00-130.00 | 118-120 | 119.30 | 1,403 | 121.52 |
| WINGS (CUT) | 702 | 131.00-140.00 | 133-137 | 134.92 | 692 | 133.00-140.00 | 134-138 | 135.61 | 2,426 | 135.15 |
| DRUMSTICKS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 338 | 45.04 |
| THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 141 | 46.77 |
| B/S THIGHS | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | | 400 | 95.95 |
| ***** | | | | | | | | | | |
| WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS | | | | | |
| TRADING FOR FEB 03, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | TRADING FOR FEB 04, 2005 F.O.B. DOCK. | | | | | |

| <u>RANGE</u> | | <u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u> | <u>RANGE</u> | | <u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u> | <u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u> |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| 49.00 - 55.00 | | 51.22 | 49.00 - 54.50 | | 51.73 | 50.11 |
| The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy. | | | | | | |

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend and was noted as mostly moderate. Offerings of bone-in breast were sufficient for trade needs; boneless skinless breasts were adequate to at least adequate. Tenderloins and boneless thigh meat were well cleared. Leg and leg quarters were in good balance. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was fully steady to firm on tenderloins, thighs and boneless thigh meat; steady on breast items, fully steady on leg items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

FEB 03, 2005

FEB 04, 2005

| ITEM | CURRENT NEG | | WTD | | CURRENT NEG | | WTD | | WEEKLY | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|--|-------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--|
| | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | | TRADING* | AVG** | VOL/LBS | WTD AVG | VOL/LBS | |
| BREAST - B/S | 165-170 | 160.42 | 828,800 | | 165-170 | 163.10 | 689,880 | 159.89 | 3,750,756 | |
| TENDERLOINS | 135-140 | 131.35 | 128,120 | | 140 | 125.03 | 197,800 | 127.61 | 750,250 | |
| BREAST - WITH RIBS | 87-88 | 96.94 | 97,240 | | 87-88 | 94.44 | 151,500 | 95.14 | 568,500 | |
| BREAST - LINE RUN | 87 | 89.52 | 137,400 | | 87 | 89.91 | 127,620 | 91.34 | 606,180 | |
| LEGS | 44-45 | 43.76 | 280,400 | | 44-45 | 44.81 | 250,680 | 43.27 | 1,669,840 | |
| LEG QUARTERS (BULK) | 29-30 | 31.16 | 507,423 | | 30-31 | 29.32 | 330,640 | 30.21 | 1,731,977 | |
| DRUMSTICKS | 30-31 | 34.50 | 215,520 | | 30-31 | 37.30 | 177,600 | 35.84 | 858,750 | |
| THIGHS | 37-38 | 46.15 | 65,720 | | 37-38 | 46.95 | 69,640 | 45.64 | 306,700 | |
| B/S THIGHS | 94-95 | 91.76 | 88,840 | | 95-96 | 93.11 | 62,120 | 91.33 | 379,200 | |
| WINGS (WHOLE) | 115-116 | 129.21 | 131,880 | | 115-116 | 126.07 | 128,560 | 126.78 | 716,520 | |
| BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) | 10-12 | 11.91 | 27,160 | | 10-12 | 11.70 | 29,480 | 11.75 | 159,840 | |
| LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) | 30-35 | 27.53 | 19,280 | | 30-35 | 28.24 | 16,480 | 28.36 | 83,160 | |
| GIZZARDS (HEARTS) | 60-65 | 63.98 | 22,080 | | 60-65 | 64.68 | 19,200 | 64.03 | 106,040 | |

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPE, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

| ESTIMATED | | ACTUAL | | AVG WT | | ACTUAL | | AVG WTS | | SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED | |
|----------------|------------|---------|--------|--------|------------|---------|--------|---------|--|---|--------|
| (1,000) | | (1,000) | | | | (1,000) | | | | POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS | |
| | 02/04 | 02/03 | 02/02 | 02/01 | 02/02 | 02/01 | 01/28 | 01/26 | | | RANGE |
| Alabama | 4,096 | 4,021 | 3,829 | 3,962 | 5.30 | 5.34 | 3,939 | 5.22 | | FRESH FRYERS | 97-99 |
| Arkansas | 4,904 | 5,315 | 5,036 | 5,262 | 5.08 | 5.06 | 5,492 | 5.10 | | ROASTERS 4# & UP | 99-107 |
| Delmarva | 2,211 | 2,027 | 2,163 | 2,185 | 5.43 | 5.54 | 2,171 | 5.56 | | HENS UNDER 5# | |
| KY-LA-TN | 1,990 | 2,146 | 2,106 | 2,065 | 5.19 | 5.12 | 2,059 | 5.19 | | HENS OVER 5# | 63-73 |
| Mississippi | 2,938 | 3,043 | 2,983 | 2,964 | 5.58 | 5.60 | 3,083 | 5.53 | | DUCKS | |
| North Carolina | 2,731 | 2,528 | 2,390 | 2,456 | 6.55 | 6.61 | 2,330 | 6.49 | | RABBITS WHOLE | |
| Texas | 2,611 | 2,647 | 2,270 | 2,341 | 5.25 | 5.32 | 2,657 | 5.32 | | CUT UP | |
| Total | 21,481 | 21,727 | 20,777 | 21,235 | 5.43 | 5.45 | 21,731 | 5.43 | | | |
| Mon-Fri | 107,924(A) | | | | 106,453(A) | | | | | <u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u> | |

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Feb-05 and 05-Feb-05 is estimated to be 32,138,000 head down 1.45 percent from a week ago and down -0.80 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 32,610,000, last year 32,398,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 05-Feb-05 is estimated to be 155,223,000 head down 1.61 percent from a week ago, and up 0.93 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 157,768,000, last year 153,788,000)

| <u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u> | | |
|---|----------|---------------------|
| <u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u> | | |
| | | <u>RANGE</u> |
| FRESH FRYERS | ICE PACK | 103-105 |
| | DRY PACK | 103-108 |
| ROASTERS 4# & UP | ICE PACK | 108-111 |
| | DRY PACK | 111 |
| HENS OVER 5# | ICE PACK | 89-93 |
| | DRY PACK | 89-95 |
| DUCKS | | 175-192 |

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending 22-Jan-05 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs. & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs. 5.26 Lbs. & Up

| | (A) Fast food/ | (B) Retail | (C) Deboning |
|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------|
| Head | 23,677 | 17,831 | 49,856 |
| Avg Weight | 3.76 | 4.64 | 6.31 |
| % of total /1 | 26% | 20% | 55% |

Comparisons

| | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Last week | 23,130 | 21,664 | 42,602 |
| Avg Weight | 3.58 | 4.73 | 6.43 |
| % of total /1 | 26% | 25% | 49% |

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Same week, yr ago /2 | 20,395 | 20,515 | 38,099 |
| Avg Weight | 3.82 | 4.70 | 6.51 |
| % of total /1 | 26% | 26% | 48% |

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|--------|---------|
| To date/2004 | 73,090 | 58,700 | 141,506 |
| To date/2003 | 60,642 | 58,839 | 114,671 |

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

| W/E 29-Jan-05 | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|----------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Head | 157,768 | 1,307 | 1,024 | 2,331 | 546 |
| Avg Wt | 5.28 | 3.01 | 8.11 | 5.25 | 6.65 |
| Last week | 149,431 | 1,451 | 1,205 | 2,656 | 493 |
| Same wk yr ago | 150,873 | 1,274 | 1,255 | 2,529 | 444 |
| Avg Wt | 5.26 | 3.50 | 8.02 | 5.74 | 6.42 |
| To-date/2005 | 626,880 | 5,854 | 4,931 | 10,785 | 2,105 |
| To-date/2004 | 614,714 | 5,487 | 5,073 | 10,560 | 1,786 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.7 million head, or 2.7 million less than estimated available.

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - Feb 1, 2005

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

| | RANGE | | RANGE |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Muscovy Ducks - Drakes | 1.00 - 1.05 | Banty Hens | 2.00 - 2.25ea. |
| Muscovy Ducks - Hens | 1.00 - 1.05 | Silkie | 2.75 - 3.00ea. |
| Red Fowl 4-5 LBS | .20 - .30 | Geese 9-14 LBS | .30 - .50 |
| Red Fowl 5-6 LBS | .40 - .50 | Pigeons | 2.75 - 3.10ea. |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS | .50 - .60 | White Pigeons | 5.25ea. |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Rabbits 4-6 LBS | .60 - .70 |
| 4-6 LBS | .90 - 1.10 | Rabbits 6-9 LBS | .70 - .80 |
| Crossbred Roosters | | Bunnies | 1.00 - 2.00ea. |
| 7-11 LBS | .70 - .80 | Guinea Pigs | .25 - .50ea. |
| Guinea Fowl | 1.40 - 1.70 | Doves | 3.00 - 3.25ea. |
| Banty Roosters | 4.50 - 5.00ea. | Total Coops Sold | 368 |

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 31-JANUARY-2005

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| LONG ISLAND | 143-145 | 149-151 |
| MOSTLY | | |
| MIDWEST | 127-131 | 128-133 |
| MOSTLY | | |

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) | 65.00-74.00 | 72.00-74.00 |
| VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) | 65.00-86.00 | 70.00-78.00 |

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

| | |
|--------|-------------|
| 12 OZ. | 60.48-71.28 |
| 14 OZ. | 66.96-77.92 |
| 16 OZ. | 73.44-86.67 |

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Demand was very good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Schedules full-time to over-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.25-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.45, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$0.30-0.50, livers at \$0.75-1.70, and feet at \$0.80-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 31-JANUARY-2005

| ORIGIN | FROZEN | FRESH |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| MIDWEST AND OTHERS | 116-134 | 118-139 |

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------|--------|
| December 25 | 126.6 | 152.1 | 83% | 5.27 |
| January 1 | 139.3 | 152.6 | 91% | 5.33 |
| 8 | 162.2 | 154.9 | 105% | 5.35 |
| 15 | 161.4 | 158.8 | 102% | 5.25 |
| 22 | 151.2 | 161.5 | 94% | 5.33 |
| 29 | 159.7 | 162.4 | 98% | 5.28 |
| Year to date | 634.5 | 476.1 | 133% | |
| February 5 | | 162.5 | | |
| 12 | | 162.1 | | |

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

| W/E | 02/05/05 | 01/29/05 | % CHG | 02/07/04 | % CHG |
|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| Broilers | 155,223 | 157,768* | -1.61 | 153,788* | +0.93 |
| Cattle | 583 | 589 | -01 | 600* | -03 |
| Hogs | 1,966 | 1,986 | -01 | 1,934* | +02 |

*ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading was too few to report on heavy cannery; slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for both light and heavy cannery with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Offerings were mostly adequate to about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. The undertone was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS | HEAVY CANNER HENS |
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 28-33 MAJORITY 28-30 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| LIGHT CANNER HENS | HEAVY CANNER HENS |
| (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | (WITHOUT NECKS) |
| 30-35 MAJORITY 31-35 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was fair to at least moderate with offerings of spent hens fully sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 4-11 | 8-10 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Transactions were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Costs of disposal were too few to report.

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings were easily adequate for needs. Demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

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|--------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| REMOVAL COST | 0-7 | 0-5 |

WEST COAST LIGHT Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 07-FEB-05

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading of spent heavy flocks was too few to report. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was mostly moderate for the generally adequate to about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances less than normal. Sales of finished product were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was at least steady.

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| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |
| FOB PLANT | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

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